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February 3, 2006

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10516955 in the amount of \$1,020.00 has been denied .

I cannot make that decision, you will have to file a petition.

Sincerely,

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Attorney Docket No. 1454.1586

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Bernd GROMOLL et al.

Application No.: 10/516,955

Group Art Unit: 2834

Confirmation No.: 8626

Filed: December 6, 2004

Examiner: David W. Scheuermann

For: ELECTRIC MACHINE WITH STATOR COOLING (As Amended)

REQUEST FOR REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT DUE TO PTO DELAY

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On July 13, 2005, an Office Action was issued in this application in which six canceled claims were examined, instead of the pending claims.

Telephonic interviews were held with Examiner Scheuermann on December 12, 2005, January 11 and January 12, 2006, in all of which the Examiner agreed to issue a new Office Action.

Unfortunately, in spite of the best efforts of Examiner Scheuermann, the six-month extended period in which a response to Office Action mailed July 13, 2005 can be filed expires today, January 13, 2006, and the new Office Action has not, to the best of Applicants information and belief, been mailed. Nor does the new Office Action appear on private PAIR associated with this application. Although a "Letter Restarting Period of Response" was listed as being entered on January 12, 2006, no image of the Letter was available in the image file wrapper, and so its contents were unknown. Thus, Applicants were forced by this delay on the part of the USPTO to respond to the July 13, 2005 Action by filing an Amendment on January 13, 2006 (including extension of time fees of \$1020.00) to keep the application alive.

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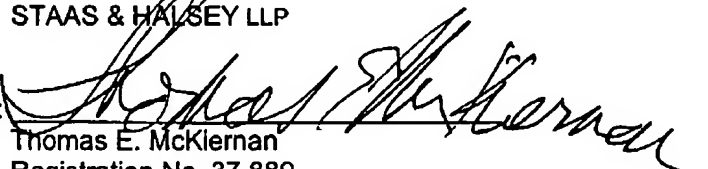
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that, since the extension fees are believed to have been due to delay on the part of the USPTO, these fees in the amount of ~~\$1020.00~~ be refunded to Deposit Account No. 19-3935 and that the Patent Office acknowledge this credit in writing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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